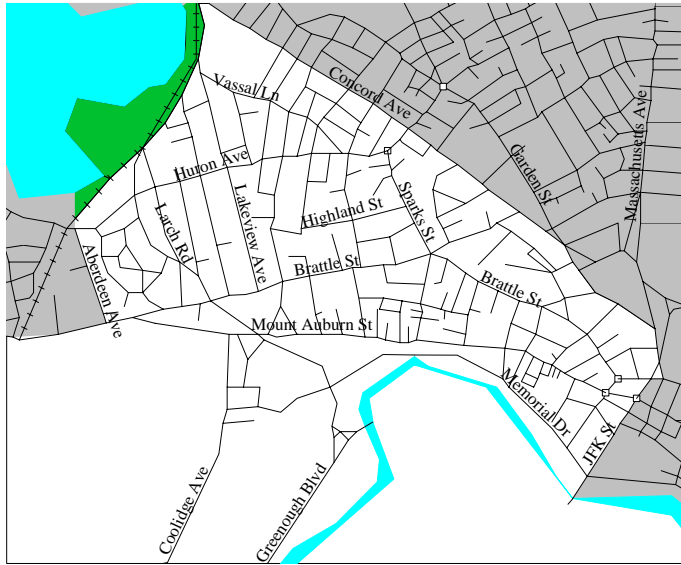
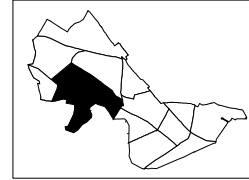


NEIGHBORHOOD 10

WEST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Abderdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

POPULATION: 8,266 residents
3,887 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$54,656

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1 officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and Harvard 16.

COMPARISON OF 3RD Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	27	15	35	28	28
Street Robbery	3	6	7	11	7
Auto Theft	16	11	25	16	23
Larceny from MVs	45	41	31	39	39
Malicious Destruction	44	57	78	47	59
Drug Arrests	4	9	7	3	2

2003 THIRD QUARTER IN REVIEW

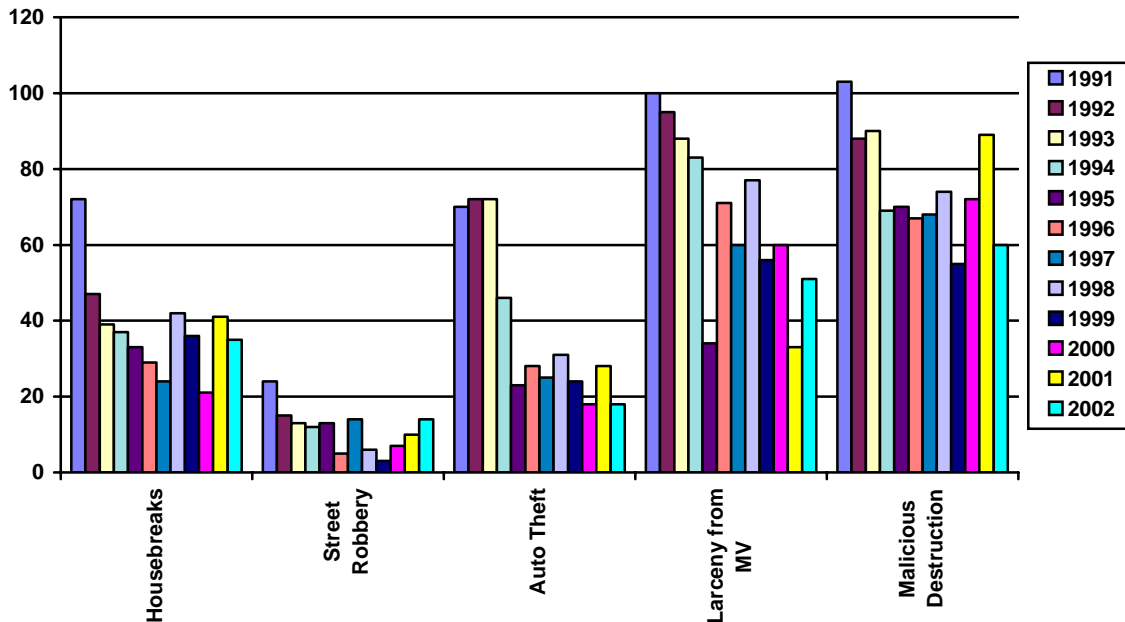
The majority of **street robberies** in West Cambridge have taken place around the Harvard Square and Cambridge Common areas. One of these robberies resulted in the arrest of a Roslindale man. During the spring, the robberies were taking place in the early morning, around 2:00AM, and in the afternoon during the summer. Only one of the robberies involved the use of a weapon, and this robbery appeared to be related to a short string of robberies in this area of the city. Overall there has been a decrease in street robberies when compared to last year. • Of the **housebreaks** more than half took place in the third quarter. These third quarter breaks tended to occur during the overnight hours. A trend for these housebreaks was entry through windows using a chair, or something similar, to prop against the outside of the residence. The theft of silverware was also noticeable in West Cambridge. Areas of repeat offenses included the 0 to 100 blocks of Fayerweather, Lowell, and Brattle Streets. • Nearly half of the **auto thefts** took place during the second quarter, particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This included four thefts of Honda Accords that occurred on April 8th. Approximately two thirds of the stolen vehicles so far this year have been recovered. • The 100 to 200 blocks of Mount Auburn Street was the only area of repeat offences throughout the year for auto thefts as well as for **larceny from motor vehicles**. Nearly a half of the breaks took place during the second quarter. Wednesdays and Fridays were the most active days of the week. • **Malicious destruction of property** declined in the third quarter, with no incidents in September. Of the total incidents, three were attempted auto thefts. Incidents were rather consistent throughout the year, except for the month of September, when there were no reported incidents. • The first **drug arrest** of the year involved a man smoking Crystal Meth in the bathroom of a grocery store. The second arrest incident resulted in the arrest of two individuals, one in possession of heroin, while the other seemingly sold the former the heroin, and was in possession of the drug as well as Klonopin and marijuana.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is, geographically, the largest neighborhood in the city. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic; its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Almost all of West Cambridge's target crimes are lower than average, its population is slightly higher than average.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles**, is concentrated in the area bordered by Sparks, Brattle, and Mount Auburn Street. The incidents occur primarily on weekends, late at night. The related crime of **malicious destruction** registers at average levels.
- **Housebreaks**, once a pressing problem, have been virtually eliminated. Summertime residential burglary patterns, once the scourge of West Cambridge, have not appeared for years. The 2001 total broke the trend of the lowest number of reported incidents over the past three decades.
- **Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from Persons** become a problem every spring and summer around the Square and in its many commercial establishments.

ANNUAL TOTALS



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	105	4	38	8	10
Street Robbery	18	7	12	9	6
Auto Theft	105	6	42	8	10
Larceny from MVs	134	3	70	5	6
Malicious Destruction	92	8	75	7	8

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest